

*Fifth*  
*Inaugural Ball*  
*honoring*  
*Mayor and Mrs. Sharpe James*



*Monday evening, the first of July  
eight o'clock  
Tri-State Ballroom  
The Robert Treat Hotel  
50 Park Place  
Newark, New Jersey*



Dear Friends,

Newark in these early years of the 21st century stands as an American model for revitalization and economic growth. It is a much different city than the one we toasted together when I first became Mayor in 1986. It is a city where old established neighborhoods have been maintained and enhanced and new communities of town-houses and single-family homes have risen to replace unsightly, deteriorating public housing monoliths and vacant lots. It is a city of changing neighborhoods; of diverse ethnic communities flourishing and a beautiful mosaic of people living together; a city where families and young and old alike can enjoy world class performances on the stages of the award-winning New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) and Symphony Hall, take in a baseball game at the Newark Eagles and Bears Stadium, go to the movies, roller skate and even hop a train at Newark Penn Station and be at the airport in under 10 minutes.

Newark also has become a major center of higher education and research, and is the home of the new Public Health Research Institute where the world's most brilliant minds work to find cures to dreaded diseases and methods to combat biological warfare.

We have worked hard to improve the quality of life of our citizens, and have seen the crime rate drop by over 52 percent, decreases in the infant mortality rate and teenage pregnancies and increases in the number of youngsters receiving immunizations.

But, as I told you during my recent re-election campaign, there are many things we still want to do for Newark. The great American poet Robert Frost spoke of having "miles to go before I sleep," and so do we. We want to continue to develop quality housing and to encourage economic development to provide our citizens with jobs and our city with ratables. We want to continue to combat drugs in our neighborhoods and gangs on our streets, and we want to watch the Nets and Lakers face off at a world-class sports facility, in downtown Newark, which will spur job creation and small business development throughout our city.

All this is ahead for us, and I am excited by the prospects. However, tonight is a night for celebration and rejoicing. It is my pleasure to welcome you to our Fifth Inaugural Ball as I embark on an historic fifth term and ask that you work with me in the four years ahead to make Newark the premier New Jersey and American city. Better tomorrows begin tonight.

With deep appreciation and love,



*Sharpe James*

Sharpe James  
Mayor

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## *Menu*

*Caesar Salad*

*Intermezzo*

*Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus*

*or*

*Filet of Salmon*

*String Beans Almondine*

*Twice Baked Potatoes*

*Viennese Table*

*Champagne*

*Open Bar*

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# *Inaugural Ball Program*

<i>Welcome .....</i>	<i>The Honorable Blonnie Watson</i> <i>Vice-President, Essex County</i> <i>Board of Chosen Freeholders</i>
<i>Mistress of Ceremonies .....</i>	<i>Carol Anderson Graves</i> <i>Essex County Register</i>
<i>Invocation .....</i>	<i>Rev. Jason C. Guice</i> <i>Pastor, Hopewell Baptist Church</i> <i>Newark, NJ</i>
<i>"God Bless America" .....</i>	<i>Master Elbee Williams</i> <i>Student, Newark Boys Chorus School</i>
 <i>Dinner</i>	
<i>Introduction of Mayor .....</i>	<i>Catherine Cuomo-Cecere</i> <i>Director of Health &amp; Human Services</i>
<i>Champagne Toast .....</i>	<i>The Honorable Luis A. Quintana</i> <i>Council Member At-Large</i>
<i>Remarks .....</i>	<i>The Honorable Sharpe James</i> <i>Mayor</i>
<i>"Lean on Me" .....</i>	<i>Dr. Melba Moore</i> <i>Tony Award Winning Actress/Singer</i>

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*Entertainment by "747" / Stephen Scott Productions*

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